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House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515—4608

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Bluemont Junction Trail in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation, located at 3700 W Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington, VA 22206.

The funding would be used for to mill and repave the Bluemont Junction Trail, and adjacent connector paths to the trail. The project begins at the intersection of North George Mason Drive and Wilson Blvd. and terminates at the intersection of this trail with the Washington & Old Dominion Trail.

This is one of Arlington County's most heavily used trails, which serves commuters and recreational cyclists and pedestrians. The current trail pavement and connectors are in deteriorating condition with poor access from adjacent streets. The trail, which was built in the late 1980s, connects to the Washington & Old Dominion Trail (W&OD Trail) and provides access to the Ballston area of Arlington, Virginia.

A trail pavement condition analysis of the off-street trail system in Arlington County assisted the County in knowing which sections of trail pavement are most in need of being repaved. The report identified areas of pavement upheaval and deteriorating asphalt on the Bluemont Junction Trail. The trail is also listed in the County Master Transportation Plan as part of the countywide extensive network of bicycle infrastructure as a project recommended for improvements. This is an important trail for commuter and recreational use and is an excellent use of taxpayer funds due to the number of residents that will benefit from the improvements.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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